

Guide to Method Flexibility and Approval of EPA Water Methods

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Foreword

This draft guidance document describes the principles and procedures for a comprehensive initiative to expand method flexibility and expedite approval of analytical methods for wastewater and drinking water at 40 CFR parts 136 and 141. This initiative represents a combined effort of EPA's Office of Science and Technology and Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water to streamline EPA's water methods approval programs.

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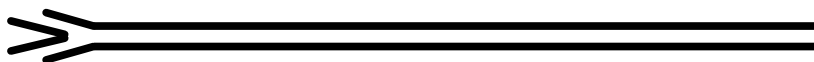
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